

## Claims

1. A protective hood having an upper head-covering section, which when the protective hood is worn covers an upper portion of a wearer's head, an anterior head-covering section, which when the protective hood is worn covers an anterior portion of the wearer's head, the anterior head-covering section having a window, through which portions of the wearer's face are exposed when the protective hood is worn, a posterior head-covering section, which when the protective hood is worn covers a posterior portion of the wearer's head, and a lower shoulder-covering section, which when the protective hood is worn covers portions of the wearer's shoulders, wherein the anterior head-covering section is made from comparatively heavier, thermally insulative, heat-reflective material, wherein the upper head-covering section is made from comparatively lighter material, and wherein at least one of the other sections is made from comparatively lighter material, whereby to allow heat to pass readily through those sections made from comparatively lighter material.

2. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and at least one of the other sections are made from similar material.

3. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and the posterior head-covering section are made from similar material.

4. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and the lower shoulder-covering section are made from similar material.

5. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section, the posterior head-covering section, and the lower shoulder-covering section are made from similar material.

6. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and at least one of the other sections are made from similar mesh or netting material.

7. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and the posterior head-covering section are made from similar mesh or netting material.

8. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section and the lower shoulder-covering section are made from similar mesh or netting material.

9. The protective hood of claim 1 wherein the upper head-covering section, the posterior head-covering section, and the lower shoulder-covering section are made from similar mesh or netting material.

10. The protective hood of any one of claims 1 through 9 wherein the anterior head-covering section is aluminized so as to be heat-reflective.